

REMARKS

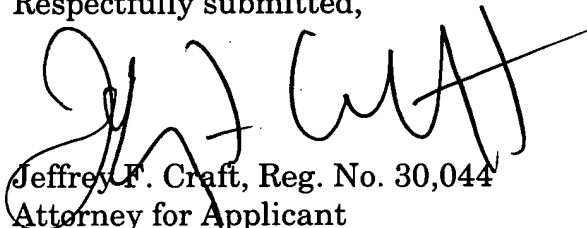
In this office action, the Examiner has required under 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2) that the Applicant make corrections to an amendment submitted on December 30, 2004. In particular, the Examiner noted that not all of the changes made to the claims in that amendment were accurately marked.

Claims 1, 2, 3, and 18 have been changed. In claim 1, line 13, the word "jlowleri" has been changed to "flowleri". In claim 2, second-to-last line, italics have been omitted from the word "or." In claim 3, line 2, the phrase "foodstuff is a meat product" is shown with strikethrough and is replaced by the phrase "food product is a meat." In claim 18, line 2, the phrase "*Listeria monocytogenes*" is now shown in italics.

CONCLUSION

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of Applicant's application. In light of the foregoing corrections and remarks it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance, so that a prompt and favorable action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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